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>> JUDY FORITANO: Good evening, everyone.

Welcome to the November session of the Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council.

I realize that a few of you may not have realized you were going to have the opportunity of attending one of these Advisory meetings, so we're pleased to have you here.

After the presentation we will take questions first from members of the Advisory Council and after that questions from the public.

We usually do introductions in the beginning, but there's so many of you here, here to hear the topic and our speaker, so we'll begin with that speaker.

[JUDY INTRODUCES PRESENTERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, PENNY WARREN, WESTSIDE LAND MANAGER AND KRISTEN KUYKENDALL, BOAT RAMP PROJECT ENGINEER]

>> PENNY WARREN: Good evening.

Thank you very much for adding us to your agenda.

We'll share with you the new concepts and ramp design and flow of parking and traffic and that sort of thing.

And then we'll schedule meetings, the first one hopefully in December.

December is very busy for everyone, but December, January, and February.

We'll get to the timeline shortly, and we're here saying that -- -- and we need to get this project moving forward.

We do have tight, full timeframes when it comes to the permitting process.

When we get to the permitting part of the PowerPoint presentation, we'll let you know what the critical timeframes are.

And I need to tell you, Kristen and I work 40 miles apart, we're not in the same part of the Department.

I've put together notes on -- -- and on the way up here we talked about how to meld those two things.

We'll do our best to cover everything on both sets of information.

I do want to say I appreciate the opportunity to have spoken to so many of you before coming tonight.

I had the opportunity to talk to you in the community about what your issues are, and I'm hoping to have the opportunity to talk to a lot more of you about what your issues are.

Some of you are supportive and some not, and some of you are in the middle -- yes 'if this,' or yes 'if not this.'

I do have my contact information, and I brought a handful of business cards, so you can contact me individually, those of you who don't have the opportunity to talk in the group or when we have the working meetings together.

As an aside, I'm leaving tomorrow to spend the next three weeks out of the country visiting my daughter, so I hope we'll get all of this to you tonight.

I've given a thumb drive which has the pictures of the concepts for you to consider, and I've given this to Becky who will give it to Art for the website.

If those of you who are here have other ways to communicate, please let me know.

You can say, send it here, there, call at this number, whatever.

We want our process to be as transparent as we can make it.

Get us your ideas on how best to communicate and we'll get the information out there.

During the three weeks that I'm gone, I hope you give me as many of your ideas and thoughts, such as, go in this direction, leave that thing out, and when I get back I'll go through those.

And shortly after that, so I'm hoping maybe the week of December 8th or December 15th, we can find a time and place to get a working group together.

I did have an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Bauer last week, so he couldn't be here tonight, but he shared with me his ideas and thoughts and I shared ideas of mine, and we had a meeting of the minds.

And I've talked with Vic regularly, and I was congratulating him on the good fortune of not being on the flood watch and rain and the weather we had last week because he's in Tucson.

And he said, it's raining today, Penny, so he didn't totally luck out, but no doubt a warmer rain.

Some of the things that we'll cover, the thing that I have heard loud and clear from every single person I've talked to is traffic flow and parking, two of the most critical things that we need to address no matter what boat ramp we build.

And we're going to talk about some of the issues when we get to the designs, the concepts, that we have coming up later in the PowerPoint.

But when we get a working meeting, and I'm hoping that our January meeting can focus on the upland design of the ramp, including the parking that's within -- I know there's overflow parking that doesn't help a lot.

But having driven down that street and imagining as I drove down it, a lot of you use it as a walking path.

It's not like there's a lot of sidewalks and shoulder areas on that road.

A lot of you use it as a walking lane.

When I was driving down the street and imagining both sides with trucks and trailers, I saw that there could be some problems.

One of the things I talked to the Commissioner about is, can we look at options of 'no parking' signs in certain areas?

Could there be 'no parking' signs on one side of the street and parking on the other?

Are there hours that we could limit the parking there, say on Tuesdays or Thursdays?

He said at this point all options are on the table.

So when we come together for the working meeting, I'm hoping that you will come with ideas of what will work.

Because we are committed to providing some public fishing access, how can we do it in a way that we don't completely negatively impact the community but bring something positive to the community?

So be thinking through those things when we get to the concept designs.

I've heard loud and clear that floats is a big issue for a lot of people.

People want to be able to launch their boats, tie at a float, load people, etc.

I understand that.

But I think that really encourages the larger boats to come and use the launch.

If we don't have floats, one thought -- and this is just food for thought -- one thought is people will self-limit.

A lot of people said they want to limit the size of the boat to 16 to 18 feet.

If we don't have a float to tie to, there are some larger boats that will go launch some place else or launch and maybe go down, if Norwegian Point has floats, they can load their passengers and cargo up down there.

It's not saying that we've decided, but it's something to think about.

The design of the launch and floats or no floats is going to encourage or discourage large boats from launching there.

When I talked with the Commissioner, at first he said we have to have floats, but then said it's something worth considering.

So think about that, especially when we get to the designs.

The bigger the trucks and trailers, the less room to park, so the more crowded it's going to be.

That's just food for thought.

We also have a number of restrictions that we have to work with, with our funding source. The RCO, when they give the money for the purchase of the property, they say here are the things you cannot do.

Kristen is more conversant with the cannots than I am yet, although I'm certainly going to get there.

One of the things we cannot do is have a restaurant.

We can't have the buildings and not the concession stands.

There are a lot of restrictions that come with this money.

The funding is for motor boat access, and it's really for boats on trailers.

So a lot of the input from several of the people I talked to was for kayaks, canoes, and that sort of thing.

But we can't develop a place for strictly non-motorized boats or those not with trailers.

So we have specific funding requirements and the requirements go with the property.

They don't go with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

It's not that we're coming out and saying, these are the restrictions we have.

The money that was used to purchase the property is what brings the restrictions.

Kristen, do you have anything to add about the restrictions?

>> KRISTEN: It's attached to the property, so it doesn't matter if a community group or the County takes it over, RCO restricts what can be done with the property.

If we maintained a house on the property, that house does not have a specific link to motor boat access.

It's ineligible to be on the property as far as RCO is concerned.

We run everything through them, they do audits on us, and these things are cut and dried as far as flexibility.

RCO, that's the Recreation and Conservation Office, IAC formerly, and they went through a restructuring and they're now RCO.

>> PENNY WARREN: We're going to go through the concepts and then get to questions.

One of the things, I know you all have ideas of what you want to see and don't want to see, and I'm hoping you'll fill my inbox and voice mail with those ideas.

When I give my contact information -- I will be gone for three weeks -- I don't know how big my box is, so if that is full, please send me an email because that's endless at this point.

I'm thinking maybe, Kristen, we move to the pictures of the different concepts, and keep in mind that the concepts you've seen so far are pushed aside.

We do have the original concept for the uplands, which is still an option, but there was the idea of restaurants, and I saw a picture with a float plane, and that sort of thing. I don't know why that discussion didn't start with here are the restrictions with the funding, but it didn't, and that wasn't us and I don't know what that process was. Do you want to go to the concept pictures?

>> KRISTEN: I had a timeline set up.

We brought on a consultant in July and they've done the geotechnical studies and environmental background they need to do to set up a design.

So at this point we have a concept design, and where we're at, we'd like to focus on the inland water portion first.

[POWERPOINT]

So here's a 2006 aerial.

It's current with what you see there today.

This was the original plan that you might have seen in 2005, at least the upland concept of it.

So this is what we started with the baseline.

I handed this to them and they said, we can make this better, and they came up with this.

This is one area, and I wanted to make sure they addressed traffic flow and be able to get people off the road quickly.

In this particular area, we have a couple of separate staging areas. We have a separate lane designated to get the boat prepped and plug-ins, so you're not in the main traffic flow area, if it takes you longer to prep your boat to launch.

It's pull-through parking, and I can give you quick numbers here.

Roughly 35 trailer parking spots and 18 car spots.

And then we have large block areas that could potentially, additional parking, overflow up there.

This is almost 65,000 square feet of development, so we'll need serious stormwater controls, so there's a bit of the land designated for stormwater controls.

And we have restrooms and picnic areas, and down towards the beach a modern mitigation area, and that is also on line to be kayak access.

That's fundable through RCO as secondary peripheral activity, as the picnic tables and what not.

We're looking at a car topper type of, if you can drag your boat down the beach, that works.

This is the first concept.

We have another concept, a smaller footprint, almost the same amount of parking.

This is the back-out parking, tow-in, and slower to back out and bring your boat around, but this is different, much smaller footprint and leaves more picnic area.

So this is another concept we're working on.

So these are the upland ideas.

We're looking at picnic and parking and potential for overflow parking, and we're looking at -- I've been working with one egress and ingress.

By adding a secondary in-route and the exit and the entrance route, adding that onto the main drive would have the potential to back up traffic, particularly if there's traffic heading to the Lighthouse, and more ingress and egress will back up additional traffic.

And this makes it clearer to bring people in and off the road rather than figuring out where to come in and out.

That's the baseline between the two concepts, and we plan on having more discussions on that.

I'll move to the boat ramp.

This is, again, we'd like to get started on the core permitting as soon as possible.

This starts as basically an on-grade ramp.

There's two lines here, existing beach line and a scour line.

In the winter could drop to five feet.

There's a scour line developed by people that know more than I do.

The plan is to have a sheet [INDISCERNIBLE] with riprap sides.

In the center area that's a high potential for surf smelt, eelgrass, and other species, so we're going to be pile supporting in section and roughly a foot to two feet off the ground, under three feet [INDISCERNIBLE] elevated portion here and grading through there to allow for light passage, and this will run from elevation 7 to elevation 3, and below the 3, closer to 4, down to the tow would be back on grade with riprap side walls.

The ramp would go out and we have a plan to go to minus one -- zero tide line is the dash line up there -- minus one to allow for the most flexibility and designed around the eelgrass patches.

Approximately 20 feet wide and there's concepts of both what's considered the on-grade portion.

A poured concrete slab [INDISCERNIBLE] with a slab-supported center.

These are the concepts that we want your ideas on.

We do not have floats designed at this time.

It's very difficult to design them and difficult for us to maintain them, and we have concerns about public safety.

Some have not lent towards longevity for the floats, and anything we do we need to do under the RCO regulations, and this area doesn't lend itself well to maintain floats for 25 years without significant cost.

So that's kind of the quick concept.

We have bullrails along the sides and a grated surface to the outside for walking, for pedestrian walking, outside of the bullrails for traffic.

It's meant to be a single-lane launch, 20 feet wide.

There's nothing preventing for two people going at the same time, but it's meant to be a single-lane launch.

Those are the concepts, and Penny's touched on the information sharing.

>> PENNY WARREN: So our goal for December is to get moving on the design for the ramp.

So we really need your thoughts on that, and we want to have a working meeting in December.

It could take 18 months to get the permit in order to do that, so that will be our focus for December.

We might also talk about the upland area, but we'd like to focus on that for the January meeting.

And then in February see how much we need and how quickly we need to move after that.

Let's move to the, that right there.

I have business cards, if you don't have something to write with,

I have a pocket full.

And, like I said, contact me through email or voice mail.

If you get stuck, if for some reason the email doesn't go through -- we only get the last five letters of our name and three initials -- so if you don't know someone's name, if you get stuck, just call the 753-2600 number and wait for someone to answer and they can focus back into my email while I'm gone for the next three weeks.

Any quick questions?

We've outlived our 20 minutes.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We'll take questions from the Advisory Council members first.

>> ATTENDEE: How long is the boat house going to be there for rummage sale?

>> KRISTEN: That's not an eligible item.

>> ATTENDEE: How long?

>> KRISTEN: Our timeline, we're looking for construction of this in 2012, potentially 2011. So at that point -- I know a lot of people are attached to the boat house, it's in the middle of the turnaround area -- so about that timeline.

>> PENNY WARREN: It's the funding right now.

We have the funding for the design and the permitting process.

We don't have funding to build, that's the next phase, and RCO won't give you funding for everything at once.

So we compete for the funding in 2010 and it's released in 2011.

>> ATTENDEE: Just a question on the safety of the ramp in general.

I'm sure you're aware of the wave activity in the area created by the freighters going by.

Information, probably only this summer, we live in that area, neighbors had a 11, 12-foot aluminum boat out, came back in, regular, nice boat, saw a wave and pointed out, it flipped it over and knocked him down and broke a leg and two people were hurt.

That's the kind of activity you're going to get there.

And I'm concerned why the float process isn't there.

>> KRISTEN: For that same reason.

The wave that flipped the boat, we've had issues of buckling ramps and twisted ramps, to get the area that's usable, it's too much force to maintain these.

We're looking at something similar to the way this ramp has always worked.

When the weather turned, people tried to get out to the water.

There's an inherent danger in getting out to that water.

And that will be signed.

Those consistent freighter waves is why we can't do single floats.

It has to do with, and we've had people look at this, studying the waves, and it buckles the floats.

Even standing on them can be dangerous.

That's one of the reasons we didn't proceed with the floats.

>> ATTENDEE: I don't have an engineering eye, but how [INDISCERNIBLE] as far as people trying to walk.

>> KRISTEN: The upland and lower portion will be on grade, so they walk up and over it.

>> PENNY WARREN: Not a big step up.

That one place in the middle, this is a big step, but up here it's on grade and down here it's on grade.

>> ATTENDEE: A lot of people walk back and forth.

>> KRISTEN: No, they're, it's on grade at the lower tides and higher tides, and we'll provide the same that I identified for the kayaking areas.

There will be access back in the parking lot and down on the other side.

Most people should be able to cross, but not everyone, so we'll have a more accessible route top end of the ramp.

>> ATTENDEE: I wanted to say something to you and many of the people here. What I'm looking at, will need a better chance to look at, I can't see that far. This is what, they're showing something very different from any list of past concepts. So I think what we need to do is get online and check this out. This is an entirely different concept than anyone's shown us before, and it seems to be better.

There's a few things to ask about, but I'm encouraged.

>> PENNY WARREN: We hope you talk with each other.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Trust me.

>> ATTENDEE: Don't think of what we saw before, what I saw here is a departure.

>> KRISTEN: We've taken a bit of time going through past things and gathering up what we heard in the past, and now that we're ready to start, we have a timeline we're ready to move on this.

We've tried to start by incorporating all the things we've read to date.

>> ATTENDEE: I guess I had three things that I came up with.

One is, going down the negative one-foot tideline is [INDISCERNIBLE] there as far as length, and you were looking at 20 feet.

How about if you went to 30 and then you'd have 15 feet for each person to have possibly two of them.

>> PENNY WARREN: You want wider and longer.

>> ATTENDEE: To make it work, that's realistic.

>> KRISTEN: All the environmental reviews are going on and we started with what we thought we could permit, what we thought would be acceptable to all of the various natural resource agencies, the Army Corp of Engineers, and what we could mitigate for as far as danger to species, eelgrass, and avoiding that, but we'll have to mitigate for that.

We can't extend further in the water as far as a lower tide because of the eelgrass.

There's a water depth requirement.

We have to provide at least three feet of water elevation through eelgrass beds.

But to help you, if we design to minus one tide, usability study, you'd be able to use it 82% of the time in July, and that's daylight hours.

That's given an 18-inch water depth, and that's what we use for the baseline of what we can permit and mitigate for.

>> ATTENDEE: Do we have access to those studies?

>> KRISTEN: This was the 2005, distributed quite a bit, but I can certainly make a copy of this and add it with the other documents.

>> ATTENDEE: Are you going to have a problem with the beach shifting?

>> KRISTEN: We did hire somebody that specializes in beach scour, and in this area he's identified the upper zone as an in-and-out shift during the winter, and central zone, left/right shift, which is why it's elevated.

And we have a drift study, required by the County, and already something that is ongoing at this time and part of the design.

>> ATTENDEE: When you answered Evan's question, did you say an 18-inch?

>> KRISTEN: Water depth for smaller boats.

>> ATTENDEE: How far out from the shore?

>> KRISTEN: 145 feet from the top of the high water line, further out from the concrete platform.

>> ATTENDEE: How high are the rails?

>> KRISTEN: They're not set right now.

8X8 bullrail set up, but that proceeds further in the design.

>> ATTENDEE: What do they classify as a smaller boat?  
18 feet?

>> KRISTEN: Yeah, and that's just the guidelines we picked for the usability study.

If you need more than 18 inches of water to launch the boat -- it's 82% with 18 inches of water -- but we're still 100% for the fall and winter months.

82 is the most restrictive month of July.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Any other questions?

>> ATTENDEE: After all of the studies about the launch, have they studied how this is going to impact the community?

This is a neighborhood.

>> PENNY WARREN: And I tried to address that.

We've certainly looked at that, and one of my goals is to make sure we don't destroy a community.

It's also the goal of many to have some public fishing access, so that's what we'll have meetings about and what I talked to the Commissioner about, and we need to work with the County on what we can do to address that.

There's no question that that is a very attractive road with the boat launch and Norwegian Point, it's going to be a magnet to people on the nice days.

And especially during the fisheries we have, I think, 66,000 angler trips a year for area 9, the area that's off -- that's how we designate the water out there.

About one-half of one percent of that goes to Eglon, so to give you a sense of numbers.

Just under 5% of that number launches at Kingston.

And the studies have shown that about 1% of that would probably launch from Point No Point.

The bulk of it may be 70% of that number of angler trips comes during July, August, September, so 70%.

And I do have those numbers, I did the figuring on what that would be.

So 1% of that would be launching probably from Point No Point.

But if there isn't a place to park and we try to do something about controlling parking on the street, those people are going to launch from a different launch where there is a place to park.

We need to work together as a community and with the County to try to figure out how to mitigate some of that.

There's no question that that street is a draw.

>> ATTENDEE: You said the magic word.

You studied how many boats?

Do we have access to those studies?

>> PENNY WARREN: I'll get those to you.

>> ATTENDEE: Maybe you can get those to Becky and she can put it on the website.

>> ATTENDEE: Have you considered the parking issues as far as the daytime only?

What have you anticipated?

>> PENNY WARREN: We are currently in the process and this is what I was talking to Vic yesterday, we're putting a sign at the gate that says either 'open during daylight hours' or 'closed during hours of darkness.'

So rather than saying, open from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., which it may be hours of daylight in the summer time, we don't want to necessarily encourage people to arrive there at 4:00, though fishermen will.

I don't know which way the sign goes, if it reflects hours of darkness closed or daylight being open.

>> ATTENDEE: [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> PENNY WARREN: I don't know yet and that's something that we need to talk about as a group.

My inclination is if we do, it takes up so much parking space.

But that's my thought.

>> JUDY FORITANO: There's been other issues in the community, which you'll hear about.

>> KRISTEN: We're not tied to any type of camping, which requires more maintenance on our behalf, so we're still considering, it's more of a community decision on that one.

>> ATTENDEE: That area now is overflow parking for the Point No Point Lighthouse, so you'll now have none for that.

>> KRISTEN: Currently some of the overflow is along the road that the County has wheel stops up there, and we've identified that upper strip as, we'll call it unzoned.

There's still room for overflow parking within this, but we need to discuss it with the County.

>> ATTENDEE: [INDISCERNIBLE] and the Lighthouse without parking all along the neighborhoods and all that stuff.

It needs to be addressed.

>> KRISTEN: Those numbers would be helpful to address that, as well.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Any more questions from the Council members?

>> ATTENDEE: Launch fee?

>> PENNY WARREN: Not as long as the Department of Fish and Wildlife is operating. If it were to be taken over by someone else, they could.

>> ATTENDEE: How many vehicles will there be?

>> KRISTEN: These run 35 trailer, 25 car.

A couple of different, plus overflow parking, we're running between 30 and 35 trailer spots.

>> ATTENDEE: Do the restrictions say that every building on the property is going to be razed before this goes on?

>> KRISTEN: We can't maintain them as part of an RCO project. We can leave them but can't maintain them, so we felt best use of space, we could create more parking by removing the boat house.

>> ATTENDEE: I don't necessarily disagree.

>> KRISTEN: And we're going through the archeological and restored architecture -- -- that goes along with this.

>> ATTENDEE: That answers my first question.

But you mentioned funding for things to be built after everything was established.

What sorts of items might those be?

>> KRISTEN: The peripheral?

The kayaking launch, picnic tables.

>> ATTENDEE: I heard you talk about 66,000 people fish.

Is that per year in area 9, and one percent of those you expect to launch out of this facility?

So how many per day would we expect to come down there?

>> PENNY WARREN: I don't know per day.

As a Department, we do a lot of surveys on efforts for fishing, that's, we have whole units that do that.

66,000 angler trips per year for area 9, 72%, July, August, and September, so that's 48,000 in area 9, July, August, and September.

Eglon has half of one percent, Kingston has 5% and they assume, based on that, and they don't have recent studies but they assume, based on depth and usability for the different type boats and all of those things, that it would be a 1%.

But it depends.

There are some fisheries open Thursday through Sunday and some all week long.

So depending on the fishery and whether or not it's selective fishery, I can't figure, I don't know if they can.

I'll find out, the biologists can tell me if there's a projected number per day.

Some of it is going to spread itself out and some will naturally focus.

>> ATTENDEE: Is this facility going to be manned?

>> PENNY WARREN: We can't hire staff, no.

We don't have the ability to hire staff to be at all of our hundreds and hundreds of --

>> ATTENDEE: Who's going to clear off of this ramp, when the storm comes and all the logs will gather on it?

>> PENNY WARREN: Brian Mitchell.

>> ATTENDEE: I live adjacent to this property and the private beaches along there, what are you planning to -- you talk about parking and the impact on the road, what about on the beach and the people and the private properties?

Bringing in kayakers at Norwegian Point and this place, we'll have boats all over our property.

And then the picnicking and that, how is it going to be signed that you have to stay off private property?

>> PENNY WARREN: We always sign our property, and our neighbors at our other areas typically sign their property, some nicely, 'private property,' some 'no trespassing,' and some lively signs.

And most people pay attention to that.

I won't tell you that everyone pays attention to property lines and boundaries and that sort of thing.

But we will sign our property and we will make sure that there is information.

We have a website that talks about the different access sites and it will talk about the fact that it's surrounded by private property, and we'll work with you to make sure you get private property signs up so your property is well defined.

>> ATTENDEE: How are you going to determine when we're going to meet?

Is it going to be on a Saturday?

Are you looking for input from the community?

What will we do at the meetings, how much input do we get?

>> PENNY WARREN: We need dates to meet and places to meet.

We don't know the area.

Is this our only spot?

And if it is, how best to get on the calendar?

And then dates that we can meet and, like I said, for the ramp itself we need to get moving on the design so that we can start the permits.

So we really want to break into everyone's busy December and have a meeting in December, a working meeting of a couple of hours, where we sit down and go through your 'don't do that' and 'please do this' and come up with our best design that we can meet as many things from all sides as we possibly can.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Penny will work with you on the scheduling.

>> ATTENDEE: Did I understand you to say the assumption was 48,000, 1% launched July, August, and September?

So that's roughly [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> PENNY WARREN: I don't know if they're all lumped on the same day.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Then there's going to be rebellion.

>> ATTENDEE: [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> JUDY FORITANO: We're going to take these two last questions.

>> ATTENDEE: Does the plan include a boat launch facility?

>> PENNY WARREN: No.

>> ATTENDEE: Is this available on Fish and Wildlife's website?

>> JUDY FORITANO: It'll be on Hansville.org as soon as Art has a chance of putting it up. That's the community website.

The official news and also the meetings that Penny is planning will be posted on Hansville.org and you'll find the information on this project ongoing.

>> PENNY WARREN: We've overstayed our 20 minutes.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We knew this would be a hot topic for the community and we thank you for coming and sharing, and there's a lot of people eager to participate in the next stage.

Let's give these folks a great hand.

While they are packing up, because they've got a long way to go, we'll go around the room and do what we do normally after welcoming all of you and that's to have a chance, especially with the new faces, to meet the members of the Advisory Council and then find out who you are.

We'll start with Fred.

[INTRODUCTIONS]

>> JUDY FORITANO: I'm Judy Foritano from the Greater Hansville Area Community Center.

Thanks for staying.

And we'll start here and have you introduce yourselves.

[INTRODUCTIONS]

>> JUDY FORITANO: Well, again, welcome to those who stayed.

We normally also start our meetings with a public comment period and do we have one?  
>> ATTENDEE: I just mainly want to ask if there's anyone, anyone, that would be willing to co-chair the, or if you know someone that can co-chair the rummage sale. I'm going to continue on [INDISCERNIBLE], but I do need, I need a male helper. So every third weekend available from January to July, and if you know someone that can work two weeks in August, I would appreciate the help. I know I've got a lot of people that help throughout the year, but Tony, I think, ought to do it, but.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Get him to sign up, he can't see anything tonight.  
>> ATTENDEE: I got this paper for you to sign, Tony.  
Thank you.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Thank you.  
Okay.

The minutes of the last meeting, since we had a bit of a hiatus.  
Does anyone remember the minutes?

>> ATTENDEE: It's my job and I move we approve the minutes as public.

>> ATTENDEE: Second.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Moved and seconded, is there discussion?  
All right.

Then, calling for a vote in favor of the minutes being approved as public, say 'aye.'  
Opposed, abstentions?

>> ATTENDEE: [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> JUDY FORITANO: Next item is what's happening with the Planning Committee.  
Linda, go to the microphone so we can hear you.

>> ATTENDEE: The Planning Committee actually met last month and we are supposed to have an Open House, the Open House is now scheduled for possibly January if we get everyone on board.

Right now we're reviewing all of the Vision Statements to be published to everyone prior to the Open House.

That will be online, and if you want to see them and send comments, you can go onto the Hansville.org site or go to the County website, as well, which is hooked to the Hansville website.

That's it for the Planning Committee, next meeting here next Tuesday.

We'd welcome to have you on board.

>> ATTENDEE: Are the Vision Statements available yet?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: You'll see them next week.

We're working on Parks and Rec, getting it up and running.

That's our biggest priority, so we'll take care of getting the minutes revised by the next time.

We still are doing Vision Statements and they'll be there.

>> ATTENDEE: This is just, what is the official title of the committee?

We're hearing Greater Hansville Area.

>> ATTENDEE: Greater Hansville Planning Committee.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Any other questions?

Okay.

Well, you got two emails about accomplishments and Work Plans.

And we know last year Gerry saved our bacon because it was a rather tumultuous time, so as we went through the requirements, Gerry saved us and made us feel good about what we accomplished last year.

We shouldn't throw it back on him, but Pete is going to share with us what the whole process is about, and then we'll talk about what you came up with relative to accomplishments from last year and what we want to accomplish for next year.

>> PETE SULLIVAN: Thank you for giving me a chance to talk about the Work Plan. It seems like we're going at this and it's all fresh in our minds.

This is a better time to review what we've accomplished in a year and looking ahead to next year.

So it was rushed last time around.

I apologize, I think Jim ran up with a few goals and said this worked well, and it was rushed.

Our volunteer coordinator sent an email.

>> PENNY WARREN: I ran off with someone's things.

It's a lovely purse.

>> JUDY FORITANO: No money in it.

>> PETE SULLIVAN: So Jan, in her attachment which you may have read, said please have this done by February because we have a Fair, and that's when the volunteers for the County -- and you're all recognized as volunteers for the County -- we take everything we've done the whole year and recognize what we've done, and that goes to the Board of County Commissioners and they can see what you're doing in Hansville and what they'd like to do for next year.

And this isn't just an exercise in documenting and moving pieces of paper, but saying this is what we're doing as a group.

And then I can continue to come here and be your staff support in Port Orchard and document the process, and that's important.

So she wants to have it by February, but we need it by January so we can plug in the hours that people have contributed, and I hope you've been documenting.

So really talking about it now in November, we don't have to get through it tonight.

And, Judy, you can decide how to facilitate that with the group.

That set us up good.

I'm asking from each of you to look over the 2008 year and tabulate your hours, how many hours in meetings and in projects outside of meetings and reviewing documents.

And if you haven't been tracking, okay, but you probably know how many physical meetings you've attended, and then add them up there.

It doesn't have to be precise but a close ballpark, and could we aim to have those by December.

And if there's photos of the group?

Take one as a group every year?

A GHAAC group photo?

Any action shots from workshops and anything out in the field, any tricks you've done?

Anyone sitting on a camera that you'd like to share, that you don't mind making public?

You're all chuckling and I won't ask why.

We'd love photos because Jan likes to help us make these boards that we do at the Volunteer Fair, and I think you all should decide how you want to be recognized as a group.

So be thinking of what you can contribute to me so I can put together a recognition down in Port Orchard.

Maybe you could come to the Fair and tell the Board of County Commissioners what you've been up to, the ebbs and flows of Hansville.

>> ATTENDEE: When's the Fair?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: I don't think the date's been set, but February every year. You'll certainly get the date, as soon as I know it, I'll let you all know.

So do you all regularly visit the Work Plan that was established for this year and the accomplishments for '07?

Shall I review them quickly?

I understand a review of the bylaws is underway.

That's a great item to get underway and it reviews what is and what isn't working in our processes, so that's a goal there for '09.

The Work Plan, it's this long, not talking about a huge document.

So the Mission Statement up top, does it need to be refined and if so, is it passed by resolution and that kind of thing.

And highlights for the '07 accomplishments.

Completed designs for a community sign and public facilities. Puget Sound Energy substation.

Maintained -- --

Proposed goals and objectives for 2008.

Improve livability and economy.

Community process planning is doing a good job of that.

Develop a Community Plan for the Greater Hansville Area, that's ongoing.

We had a speaker come about Emergency Management.

Continue to track development issues related to the community, here's a prime example.

Increase regional efforts.

And review potential structural improvements.

I can think of something you're doing now and have done that speaks to all of these goals and so, well done.

This shows that you're doing what you said you would do.

So I'll leave it to Judy to talk about how that can be contained, maybe one or two sentences.

And then goal setting for next year, if we can have those ready to go by January.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We actually, I know in talking with some of you, there's a longer list, folks.

We've had presenters every month with people of topical interest to this community to educate and keep us in the loop.

And we've had, Kinley, I don't see him, but he's been a major resource to us to get us up to speed on things we would not have had access to, and he's provided linkages to resources.

And the Planning has accelerated its activities, and Pete's doing a tremendous job and we're pleased with that.

The other committees Pete talked about.

And we had the opportunity with the situation at Point No Point and with the circumstances of visitors today.

There may be more work necessary to make sure that our Point No Point people who live in that area, and also people on Hansville Road and other areas contingent to this immediate area, do not suffer unfortunate negative impacts as a result of this interesting kind of opportunity that Fish and Wildlife is in the process of developing.

And we have voices that can speak to that, and that's going to be a significant impacting issue that's going to require input this next year.

>> ATTENDEE: It seems like the right place to make comments here.  
This is deja vu for me.  
Look back in 2005, January, we had a meeting on this when they came in and gave their new design, which turned out to be [INDISCERNIBLE], everybody hated it.  
Today was a heck of a lot better.  
I went away from the meeting and said to myself, the community has no way to represent what it needs in that area back to Fish and Wildlife.  
There is no focal point and no one to gather and condense the thoughts of the community and go back and represent them.  
So I got on the phone and formed HSPAC, which was turned into GHAAC.  
Now I look around today and I say, we've got no organization. Who's going to support this meeting in December?  
Who's going to get the word out to the community?  
What committee does it reside in?  
We have absolutely no organization for handling this kind of thing, which is the most important thing this GHAAC committee is here for.  
And we talk about the great commitment to what we've done.  
We have a commitment to the community to put this meeting together and get everyone together in the community and inform what Fish and Wildlife is doing.  
I was trying to anticipate that a few months ago, and now we have a few weeks.  
What are we going to do?  
I'm going to throw that on the table.  
I've given my attempt at this and now I throw it to the community.  
It's all of our problem.  
We have three weeks to organize the entire community to get the word out, where it's been and where it's going, and get all the feedback back and get ready to meet with them in three weeks.  
Good luck.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Series of three meetings.  
>> ATTENDEE: Any suggestion?  
Who's responsible for this?  
Do you have a committee where this resides?  
>> JUDY FORITANO: No, not at the moment.  
When Salt Water Park Advisory Committee got dissolved and this is a new one.  
>> ATTENDEE: This is the oldest thing.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: You certainly had a group of folks who had a particular interest.  
>> ATTENDEE: It's time for GHAAC to form a committee to funnel the communications.  
>> ATTENDEE: I think it's six months overdue.  
>> ATTENDEE: Better late than never.  
>> ATTENDEE: Let's start it.  
Judy?  
I'm not going to do this again.  
I've led this horse to water once and I'm not going to do it again.  
The community on the beach that's going to be affected by it better take a leadership role on it.  
I'm not doing it again.  
It's much more your problem than any of the rest of us.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Judy, do you have an impassioned neighbor that wants to lead this?

Why don't we do this.

Let's give Judy a chance to see if there's somebody who would like to, in conjunction with GHAAC for this particular issue, within, by Friday, get us a name by Friday?

Okay.

If you'd try to do that.

And if anyone else has ideas about someone who would be a good leader on this, the Community Center, we'll figure out the locality of it and make sure that people are aware of the, how to access the information and how to make comments and those kinds of things. But let's see if we can pull a group together.

And anyone who has ideas, please get back to me and we'll coordinate in that fashion.

Tony, one more exceptional idea.

>> ATTENDEE: This is a question, not a statement.

If I understood the lady tonight, they're looking for a meeting coming up in December, probably to discuss this.

I'm looking at what she said, that they want the community to be involved.

Do they want a committee to be involved?

And I don't know the answer to that.

There were a number of people here tonight which we haven't seen before, which is great. Again, I would hate to have a small group of people making decisions on something the whole community would want to get involved in.

Maybe you can clarify.

>> ATTENDEE: Let me talk to that.

When we formed HSPAC, we faced the same problem.

How to reach out and get the community input and get enough of it so we can claim that we legitimately represent the community.

This is the same kind of problems GHAAC is facing here.

>> ATTENDEE: GHAAC, to be legitimate, has to reach to the community and show it's reaching out, and then they distill the ideas and represent them.

You can't expect all those people to show up.

>> ATTENDEE: I can speak to that, too.

What Penny and Kristen are trying to do, without the luxury of the contacts you have and all the folks following this for years, they're trying to inform the Greater Hansville Area what's going on and what the alternatives are, and throwing up drawings from a distance and people have to squint and where's the float going to be, and that's -- I look at a lot of these drawings and don't fully understand what will go on.

Next chance I get I'll go out there and get a [INDISCERNIBLE] of the drawing and walking to the slopes so I can understand it.

That's what I want to do.

They hope, I presume that Kristen and Penny hope that everyone would take it upon themselves to do that before December.

So here's how you can make their jobs easier.

They want to accomplish those two goals these meetings.

They want to get the opinion of the Greater Hansville Area, from a bunch of people in a room they don't know, all at once.

So if we can do a bit of leg work, and what you're proposing is inform the community ahead of time and get a united, a recommendation as soon as possible from the Greater Hansville Area community and present that to these folks from Fish and Wildlife.

That's not critical to their mission, which is to have these meetings, whether or not this happens at the local level.

So if you're all able to do this, so much the better.

Finally, I recommend if you move forward with this, as soon as possible, contact Kristen because Penny will be away and she'll have a week in December to respond to all her emails, and if they're flooded from all these people from Hansville, it'll be crazy.

If you could hit her up tomorrow and say, okay, talk to me or these couple of people, I'm going to be a single point of contact, I'll hand them to the people that care about this and make sure they're educated in a couple of weeks.

And then we can have a productive meeting.

And she's not spending her time responding to the emails.

She said 'fill my email and voice boxes,' and that's one way of approaching it.

>> ATTENDEE: I've got a different perspective.

One is, there are a number of people sitting here who have done this homework, who have studied where the tide is going to be and what the feasibility of the floats is, regardless of what Kristen is saying.

We've got a pretty good idea of what's going on down there.

What we don't have is the outreach to the community that we can say definitively that we can relate to all the people with interest in the community accurately, but we do have attempts to reach to the community and I have accumulated responses.

We've had questionnaires circulating and had meetings.

We have a pretty darn good idea of what the community wants.

We're being faced with something that's quite a lot different than what we saw before.

It does help some of the problems.

Let me just make a comment, from a long time ago, I walked out saying the reason no one -- -- this ramp is unusable the way she described it.

This may be the best thing for us, but we have to figure this out.

We have three weeks to be able to put together some kind of an opinion here that represents this community with all of this history and everything else.

I don't know how we're going to do that.

>> JUDY FORITANO: I thought she was looking for a starting point.

>> ATTENDEE: She's, she left the design contract for that ramp in July, and that contractor's working on that design right now.

He's been working on the designing, spending the money, and developing the design since July.

This is the first input we've had since July.

That thing is going to be designed in a couple of months, and that's what her timeline said.

So if you don't get your two bits in here and the community in here and there's something that says -- it better be out there with somebody able to represent that.

>> ATTENDEE: I think, I don't know if it's too late for the *Log*, but there's the *Herald* and the Hansville website and the sandwich board built [INDISCERNIBLE] with a couple of sandwich boards, and get the word out about the December meetings and the people with the contact information, too, if they can't make it.

And I think the people that have the time and want to be involved are going to get involved.

>> ATTENDEE: I need to bring up, I put this out to my neighbors on an email and said this meeting was going to deal with this, and my input is not the people that live at Point No Point, but how big the launch is going to be because several are fishermen and they have to go to [INDISCERNIBLE] and work their way up when the fish are running.

So I can't say to you that I'm going to have a neighborhood that may have the same concerns that Judy's neighborhood has.

I love taking my grandchildren to that park, it's a fabulous beach, but we can't assume that we're all going to be thinking of the one point of view, because like I said, the feedback I got was from the neighbors who like to bitch and they were the ones that were interested

in what was happening tonight -- Jean, let us know what size boat, and I'm going to go back and tell them.

So I want to point that out.

>> ATTENDEE: That's what I was really trying to get out, Tony, was when the initial committee was set up, it focused on the impact to the Point No Point area.

And we're representing the whole area here, so we have to look at it from that, and I believe that's what she's asking for in that meeting, for us to focus narrowly on that one segment of it, can't be a total feeling that we all agree on that.

I happen to live in the area and agree with what's going on down there, but we're going to have other impacts.

I think personally we're -- -- going to change a lot what the ramp's going to look like.

If they've designed for the last six months, I don't know if we're going to change it.

>> ATTENDEE: How would we change it?

Is there a committee?

>> JUDY FORITANO: That's not a topic for this moment, but we have a couple of things going on.

The issue of making sure -- and Evan has a great list of the publicity-- and make sure people are clear about what we're here to do, and we've got a neighborhood and a bunch of folks that need to have the support of this community with this kind of amenity being proposed.

And I think that, we're sitting with two issues here, one having to do with a boat ramp, but they integrate, and those are the kinds of things to consider, especially given the circumstances that we've encountered in July, and we had the opportunity to effect with our intervention and our request to the Commissioner to provide some assistance.

The adequacy of parking, I didn't hear anything about widening the road to make it more accessible, and I'm sure those who live there don't want that to happen.

But how many new people are going to come in?

And we have a steep hill in Hansville, with a boat trailer.

There are considerations that are part of short-term planning, that we would think of planning, those are three- and five-year planning.

And that impacts on the neighborhood.

>> ATTENDEE: If we get back to our constituents and say these are coming in, that the County plans are on the website, it would be nice perhaps if we also added that at these times there will be a tour of the site for those people who are really interested, people who have boats.

These are the people who are interested or people along the road. So they look at the plan and they can walk the site and see what it looks like.

Otherwise, you don't know.

For most of us, we don't know.

>> ATTENDEE: She just wants us to let her know what's going on.

We can publicize it, I email everybody, let them know this is coming up, then it's their responsibility to attend.

>> ATTENDEE: One minute.

So if [INDISCERNIBLE] have an opportunity to get it out somewhere, meeting in December about Point No Point, contact information, and I'll get that from you, who we're supposed to write to.

And then see the design ad, that particular website, and then maybe meeting to be disclosed at a later date.

Make it short and sweet.

>> JUDY FORITANO: And we can make the *Log* deadline, but we may not be able to coordinate the actual meeting time.

>> ATTENDEE: Watch for it.

>> ATTENDEE: Contact information.

>> ATTENDEE: Kelly, can we make sure you'll get something out?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: Why not get the documents now, a couple of you go out and look at the pros and cons of the proposal, the GHAAC members could get a report of, okay, this is how the proposal shakes out, this is what works and what doesn't. You meet once a month as it is, you could take advantage of that. GHAAC is looking at it in December and by mid-December the Fish and Wildlife meeting, get a recommendation to them. You make a good point.

The train leaves the station, and if they say we're going to hold the December meeting and in January we say we don't like this, the contract, it's out.

>> ATTENDEE: And go one step further and say, Judy what we need is we need a community meeting before the meeting with Fish and Wildlife. We have to have a meeting within the community to develop focus on what we want with regard to those plans -- nobody's seen those plans before tonight -- to develop a position among the community before that. Because if we just invite everybody in the community to that room the next time they come here, how are they going to have any idea of who represents the community? The loudest shouter -- -- we need to look at the engineering feasibility. Can't have floats? We have things to look at from a technical standpoint. Focus on these things and say these are the places we want you to change your design. Just a mealy of a meeting is not going to do anything. It never has before. We have a meeting to determine what the community wants in this thing.

>> ATTENDEE: That's not going to happen. We don't have time, number one. Who's going to lead it?

>> ATTENDEE: The December meeting of Fish and Wildlife.

>> JUDY FORITANO: The week before is a GHAAC meeting.

>> ATTENDEE: We're talking holidays.

>> ATTENDEE: In my mind, the best thing that we have got going now is that this, all that's going to be on the web. Everybody that uses a computer can go there and look at it, and then they need to know what the contacts are and voice their opinion, that's what they want.

>> ATTENDEE: That's exactly what she said.

>> ATTENDEE: It's on the web, here's what you want.

>> ATTENDEE: They packed the last meeting, packed with fishermen.

>> ATTENDEE: May I suggest that you actually mind the date that she has, because I think she said something about early December the ramp design needs to be finalized.

>> ATTENDEE: No, no, that's not true.

>> ATTENDEE: Double-check it.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We will. We've had several things brought up. Extra meetings, committees, or publicize the hell out of this and have them talking about it at the next GHAAC meeting, and this meeting having to do with Fish and Wildlife occurs

after the GHAAC meeting, and make sure there's as many people as possible to represent their varied views.

>> ATTENDEE: There's one thing here that I'm not hearing.

Has there been any impact statements on how this impacts the community?

You don't just come into a neighborhood and do something unless you know how it's going to impact the community, and this could set a precedent.

We've got the Norwegian Point Park and they're going to impact every community, and if we don't say now, you've got to let us know if you've done impact statements on what it does.

This is not a fishing village anymore; it's a neighborhood.

And every place around here is a neighborhood anymore.

It's not a fishing town.

We can sit on our hands and later fuss and complain, but that doesn't do any good.

>> ATTENDEE: Same subject.

All these government agencies are required by law to do a Community Impact Assessment.

That's why, when it was mentioned to her, she looked like a deer in the headlights because they haven't done it yet.

I might suggest to you, as an organization, to press her for the Community Impact Assessment because they're required to do that.

>> ATTENDEE: They keep talking about parking along the road.

There's no parking spaces on that road.

There's a ditch on either side.

>> ATTENDEE: If you parked along there, you wouldn't be able to have two cars pass.

>> ATTENDEE: I don't know where that's coming from either.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We had a number of options thrown out here.

Any suggestion about how to proceed, or do we proceed with a big publicity campaign and make sure we also press them, as Dennis suggested, for a Community Impact Assessment in making sure that that is in the works as quickly as possible?

>> ATTENDEE: One more suggestion.

Would it be possible for those of us on the Point No Point/Hansville area to have a petition and say these people -- and whoever wants to sign it may do so -- these people are very concerned about the impact on our neighborhood.

And so that they would get one statement from everybody who's concerned.

Wouldn't that be one of the quickest ways to take care of it?

>> ATTENDEE: What are the requirements, the State EPA requirements, or the Impact Statements?

Environmental impact, doesn't that include community impact?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: Yes, they'd have to fill out a SEPA checklist, State Environmental Policy Act, activity on the shoreline is going to -- she spoke a lot about environmental engineering and drift analysis and mitigation, so they'll make sure onsite measures are taken to offset the concrete slab and all that on the shoreline.

But there are parts, the Environmental Policy Act is as broad as you can get in scope, so there's intangibles on there.

What are the impacts to recreation opportunities and community character -- don't hold me to it, but I think that's on there.

But things a little harder to define and quantify and those are, get tricky, so the community impacts are on there, but.

>> ATTENDEE: Should we be able to access that?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: You could, you could try.

So the lead agency, which is Fish and Wildlife, is submitting to the County, which is in April, the SEPA checklist, and they base it on comments, this is the scoping process right now to analyze the range of impacts.

So it's important, if you have neighborhood concerns, that those need to get sent to the agency so they have that on the record.

And even if the SEPA checklist -- it's going to shake out one of three ways:

Nonsignificance, this doesn't have a significant environmental impact; mitigation of nonsignificance; or [INDISCERNIBLE], which means they have to do a study, EMS.

If it does trigger an EMS, especially if they mitigate, we don't look at the community-wide impacts, sometimes consultants get hired on to.

Important to keep in mind that, we heard Kristen say that the grant that is driving a lot of this work is site specific.

So that means that they're trying to figure out what can be done on this parcel of land to mitigate these impacts, and neighborhood impacts are off site but there's not a lot of incentive, and maybe not appropriate for them to look offsite, though it sounds unfair and not even comprehensive.

That's the nature of grants with State agencies.

>> ATTENDEE: The letter I have from them says the first monies spent will be for traffic and parking studies.

They wrote us a letter to that effect already.

>> PETE SULLIVAN: State agencies are aware they have neighbors.

>> ATTENDEE: [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> PETE SULLIVAN: It's not something they're going to overlook, but as a provider of recreation -- everyone who can access this ramp, that's the main date they have to work with, the ramp has to go in and be provided.

>> ATTENDEE: We've had long discussions about that over the past few years.

A lot of us know details of the restrictions and so on, and without going into them, where we've tried to work with them within the framework on those grants and their restrictions, and Fish and Wildlife, up until now, has essentially ignored us.

>> JUDY FORITANO: That means our advocacy for our communities becomes more important.

So if it starts with a petition from you who are most immediately impacted, whether it's the intervention of the Advisory Council again as a body, saying that our communities are important to us and we are asking on behalf of the entire community that impact studies and environmental assessments be conducted, because this is a two-lane road into a place that's already, is overcommitted relative to use, and we want to make absolutely sure that the quality of life for the people who live here is not going to be negatively impacted as a result.

So that's what this Advisory Council is for.

It's an advocacy group for the community to ensure that the quality of life and the values that everybody has shared are continuing to be able to be had and held in trust in this community.

Growth is going to happen, but to the extent we can take care of the people who are here, in the appropriate way, that's a big part of what we're about.

>> ATTENDEE: How are we going to formulate that position?

>> JUDY FORITANO: First of all, if Nancy and Judy, who have the most immediate areas affected, want to start an individual petition, they are certainly free to do so.

If where we find they're not attending to any of that, we pull out the guns of the entire Advisory Council and say, we as a body are concerned about the impacts on this community and on this area, and we write the letter.

>> ATTENDEE: Why can't we do both?  
>> JUDY FORITANO: We can.  
>> ATTENDEE: Can we contact them before they disappear into the vacation world and say, are you going to do an Environmental Impact Statement? They're going to know whether they're doing one.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: I got her phone number and I'll tell her the schedule for the Community Center.  
>> ATTENDEE: If they have to do an Environmental Impact Statement and the community is part of the statement -- because what I heard tonight is they're focused on the ramp and the properties within that area, and they really haven't given consideration outside of that.  
>> ATTENDEE: She drove down the road.  
>> ATTENDEE: Yeah, but that's all.  
>> PETE SULLIVAN: And it's also the Kitsap County DCD that makes the determination, so she wouldn't know.  
Through experience, could predict, but it's actually DCD that makes the determination.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: So how do we make this happen?  
>> PETE SULLIVAN: It's a little early to see how to finagle on a local level.  
>> ATTENDEE: How soon is that going to be on the Hansville.org website?  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Becky's got it.  
>> ATTENDEE: Tomorrow or the next day.  
>> ATTENDEE: What about the other publicity?  
>> ATTENDEE: If we contribute all of our comments directly to Kristen or Penny, then I won't know what ideas each of them --  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Copy them to [GHAadvisorycouncil@Hansville.org](mailto:GHAadvisorycouncil@Hansville.org).  
>> ATTENDEE: Speaking about speaking for the community, I would hope you communicate with the people that you represent and get their input.  
>> ATTENDEE: We talked about that.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: Okay, folks.  
We're going to publicize this and find out information, and Pete will keep us in the loop how to make sure we attend to other things.  
>> ATTENDEE: I might have missed it, they discussed building it, but she said they weren't going to be maintaining it.  
So that's a question of interest, too.  
Garbage and restrooms, and I brought that up before, we've got wonderful parks and walkways, but no restroom facilities.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: I think they talked about restrooms.  
>> ATTENDEE: A Sani Can down there?  
>> ATTENDEE: Can we ask whether we can have this information put in there to enlighten the people [INDISCERNIBLE] press?  
>> ATTENDEE: Judy is good at keeping me in touch with the email, so as long as dates and times are included, either at the end of the article or --  
>> ATTENDEE: The *Log* and the *Herald* will be the two primary publications for getting the information out.  
The community news closed for December last Friday, so not possible to get it into the news, but that one is going to be critical.  
>> JUDY FORITANO: It's nice to see it, glad you're here.  
That's how we'll pursue and keep you informed of what's taking place.  
And make sure to share comments around so that we're keeping on top of this.  
Any additional ideas, please forward them to me and we'll keep this as an active form of communication and keep it rolling.

Dennis, I'd like to roll through a couple of things first and then we'll hear from you.  
Anything new on the road safety stuff?  
>> ATTENDEE: Status quo right now.

>> JUDY FORITANO: One of our other accomplishments that we shouldn't just blow off is keeping the pressure on Kitsap County regarding the Eyer nuisance property and they finally, after two years of our continuing [INDISCERNIBLE], Jim got to the point where they did testing and they discovered the toxic wastes were at high level, and it continues to be in the County court system relative to follow-up?

>> PETE SULLIVAN: Is Steve your point of contact at the County?

>> JUDY FORITANO: No.

Jim was the person, came once, and we didn't get satisfaction so he never came back.

>> PETE SULLIVAN: He provided an update.

I don't know where this has gone in the last two months.

It's tangled up in the courts and we're waiting on the latest, and I don't know what that is.

>> JUDY FORITANO: There was public notice that there was a site in Hansville that was the number one superfund or toxic site in the County, so I don't know if that was it or if we have another one.

We'll expect an answer on that next month.

How's that?

I know that a number of you have talked about, we talked about governance and bylaws and talked about sitting around this table and having wonderful times exchanging with each other.

And there's times to come and times to go.

And we have a situation, an interesting situation, where one of the individuals sitting here and who has contributed much has said it's time to go.

And that person is leaving, not from around the table, from an Executive Committee position.

We held on as long as we could, but another organization pulled harder.

And although it has not yet been voted on, it is an almost done deal and that is that Fred Nelson will become the next President of the Hansville Community Center.

So when Fred made this information known, he said that juggling both would take away from his golfing and other things he wanted to do.

And he'll continue to represent the neighborhood, but not as Vice-Chair.

So Linda Redling, who wears many hats, also heads the Nominating Committee, so put her to work and a few other good heads to work to look for somebody, and our bylaws state that we need to make a recommendation to you one month and then vote on it the next.

Self-nominations and nominations from the floor, and we do have a candidate to present to you, and we'd like to do that after kind of talking and about what it means to get people to volunteer for stuff and all of those kinds of things that one needs to do.

Linda and us asked Gene if he would be interested and he said that he would.

So we will let you ponder on that one for a month, and then we will vote on it next month.

The other thing we want to bring forward to you is about every two months Gerry Porter writes and says, can you find somebody else to be the Secretary, because he's juggling a lot of stuff in various things and he stepped in when we thought Trevor was going to return. And he wants to go to other exotic places and is not coming back to us.

And dug deep to -- Gerry and Fred would both like to, Fred is stepping down at the end of December and Gerry would like to do the same, and we'd appreciate someone coming forward and agreeing to the Secretary position for the next year. So that is something that we would like to have all of you think about and contemplate. We've had two exceptional Secretaries and they've gone above and beyond. We don't need it that caliber, but we need a good Secretary for this organization, so please contemplate that.

Also the Governance Committee, you got a notice that we set up the Committee starting to talk about bylaws and taking a look at the process for replacement of people in those areas that did not have formal associations, that kind of thing. The first meeting of the Governance Committee took place and a lot of things were tossed around, and it's a complex enterprise and more time is needed to do that. So we look for your participation -- and Gene wanted to be a part of it -- and we're looking for ideas and participation going forward and other meetings taking place. We're asking only Advisory Council members to be members of that, and then our recommendations will be presented to the GHAAC and to the public and people will have the opportunity to comment. And then, again, that will be deferred a meeting before they're voted in.

Dennis, you've been sitting quietly.  
What do you have for us?

>> DENNIS CZISKE: An update on Ferries.

I promise not to take 20 minutes.

>> JUDY FORITANO: They'll take off on you.

>> DENNIS CZISKE: There's a lot of things going on with Ferries.

One thing is that the long-range plan was rejected and sent back to the drawing board, and they've done a lot of work and are going to present their long-range plan to the Joint Transportation Committee in Seattle this coming Monday.

Pursuant to that, they're going to release the plan publicly, and our Ferry Advisory Committee is going to be riding the ferries, passing out copies of the plan to people on the boats.

I would suggest that you watch emails closely because Gerry and I have got a line of communication and I will be passing some stuff through Gerry to you.

I ask you to please share that.

We are expecting that through December we would be driving up on that time, and we'll start to need to come to speak, convincingly, with our State Legislators and helping them get off on the right foot at the start of the session.

There will be public meetings through the month of December presented by Washington State Ferries for review of this plan by the public.

And we ask that you please watch for that.

The dates have not been published yet.

Watch for those meetings, especially the Kingston one at the Yacht Club, and be prepared to give your concerns.

This is going to be important because that's a plan that's going to be presented to the Legislature for acceptance and we will, as a result of those community input meetings, have an opportunity to have influence.

Pursuant to that, our Kingston Advisory Council, which consists of five representatives of various parts of the community and people who are very familiar with Ferries and

commuters, has taken the initiative to begin preparing a Position Statement, expressing what are the known opinions and feelings of the people of our community.

And so tonight I have brought to you, I've got 20 copies -- I'll start with Judy here -- 20 copies of our first summary of that paper because it's, our paper is actually ten pages long and we've condensed it to two pages so that you can read it.

And what we would like to have from you is, through Gerry to me, review this and if you feel we've missed something, if you feel like something needs greater emphasis, you feel like something that should be taken out of this, we need your input, and we're asking for that.

Now, we want to also present this, because this is a sort of short notification, we would like to have your input because we're trying to put this to bed, finalize it by Sunday evening so we can present it to the Joint Transportation Committee.

So if you would take the time to read this and give us your input over the next couple of days, we'd appreciate it.

>> ATTENDEE: Are the handouts that you're handing out on the Ferry going to be somewhere else, too?

Can you have them at the Kingston Library?

>> ATTENDEE: I can pass them at work.

>> DENNIS CZISKE: We don't have control of that.

We're asking, Washington State Ferries has asked us to pass them out on the boat and we have asked for, I think, 1,800 copies for the boats.

And so we'll be doing that, and if I can get a few extras I'll put them in the Library.

>> ATTENDEE: Who do we get this information back to?

>> DENNIS CZISKE: Through Gerry to me.

He has my email, and if you email Gerry he'll forward it to me.

I did ask Gerry ahead of time if he'd do this, so please know that.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We've got him till the end of the year.

>> DENNIS CZISKE: Thank you, Gerry.

If you can forward the emails to me, you don't have to do anything with them.

>> ATTENDEE: Two weeks ago they handed out, Ferry schedule, you know it has been passed?

>> DENNIS CZISKE: I know they took it back to the drawing board and amended it.

>> ATTENDEE: The exact same schedule.

>> DENNIS CZISKE: Feedback on that.

That's the winter schedule that nobody is happy with.

It's driven by the fact that it takes, the schedule that they had was based on boats that held actually 80 cars.

And it takes a lot longer to offload 180 cars and load 180 cars than it does 80.

So from 10:00 in the morning through the rest of the day they were never on schedule over the last two years that we tracked them.

So they went back and based it on the loading times and crossing times [INDISCERNIBLE] necessary and endeavors to contact buses and trains.

We've lost three runs.

Eastbound [INDISCERNIBLE] out of that new schedule.

I don't like that.

This would be a good opportunity to express that.

>> ATTENDEE: Because the Ferries were overloaded, they were reducing schedules?

>> DENNIS CZISKE: No.

>> ATTENDEE: So [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> DENNIS CZISKE: There's a time flow between starting loading and finishing unloading across the water, and that's greater than the schedules in the past reflected.

We have also spoken with the Secretary of Ferries, Secretary of Transportation for Ferries, and because there are [INDISCERNIBLE] issues associated with the new schedule, they're going to reevaluate and we may see new [INDISCERNIBLE].

I wish you had been at our meeting last week at the Fire Station.

Your input would have been appreciated.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Get your responses and thoughts back to Gerry.

>> ATTENDEE: The article I read in the paper said that they, one of the reasons for the schedule change is to meet the other transportation, in part.

>> DENNIS CZISKE: The early morning runs.

>> ATTENDEE: They said they slowed down to save fuel.

They got the fuel expenses down significantly by dropping two or three knots.

>> JUDY FORITANO: Provide input to Dennis, and we thank you very much. Elizabeth, anything new and exciting?

>> ATTENDEE: I'll talk in January about the planned activities for 2009.

>> ATTENDEE: The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

The Community Center applied for a grant to offset supplies for this facility for an emergency shelter.

We received word that we were granted a thousand dollar grant by the S'Klallam Tribe.

>> JUDY FORITANO: And the sign at the base of the hill.

>> ATTENDEE: Some of you probably saw the sign at the base of the hill that says Park Advisory meeting November 19, 5:00 p.m. That Advisory Committee is the Kitsap Parks Advisory Committee and they meet once a quarter, every three months, and they meet at either South Kitsap location, Central, or North Kitsap location, and we happen to be the North Kitsap location.

In case anybody is confused, it's not a public meeting to get input on the Parks, but a meeting of the Advisory Council to the Parks Department about all the parks in the County. It's open, but not an open public meeting for general comments.

>> ATTENDEE: One more last reminder, we don't know who put up the GHAAC sign on the sign board, and nobody requested the spot for the week and I had somebody else who wanted to use it and I could not let them use it because somebody put the sign up without asking.

Please let me know if you know who put it out, the GHAAC sign.

Please remember that you need to schedule the sign slot with me because people do need to use it and unfortunately [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> ATTENDEE: I understand that, I do think that the GHAAC sign is an excellent thing to put up.

And we need to put a notification, a great idea.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We would have liked to design it ourselves rather than someone do it on their own.

>> ATTENDEE: The committee didn't put it up?

>> ATTENDEE: Remember, you said at the last meeting that you didn't have funds and if volunteers wanted to do it.

>> JUDY FORITANO: That had to do with the Planning Committee, not with extending to things for GHAAC.

>> PETE SULLIVAN: I have copies of the notification of Short Course on Local Planning, North Kitsap Fire and Rescue, in Kingston November 20, 6:30-9:30, no RSVP.

>> ATTENDEE: The info Peter asked about, get that data to you?

>> JUDY FORITANO: How many hours you spent on Advisory Council.

>> ATTENDEE: Send it to you?

>> JUDY FORITANO: Yes, and we'll coordinate it.

Are there other questions, points of order, anything else?

Going once, I have a move.

>> ATTENDEE: Remind people that we're having a Greater Hansville Area Wine Social on the 22nd of November, 7:00 to 9:00. Bring your favorite appetizer, \$15 per person, and it's fun.

>> JUDY FORITANO: We are adjourned.

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